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Dakota may oust Residential Life staff

BY EMILY PHELPS
HATCHET REPORTER

The future of the Dakota Apartment Building may include housing only GW's special interest floors or permitting only students, and not residence hall staff, to live there.

These were among four proposals announced at a Sept. 18 Residence Hall Association meeting by RHA President Ron Jacobs.

The Dakota currently houses mostly upperclassmen. The building was purchased by GW three years ago in part to help ease the on-campus housing shortage.

Office of Residential Life administrators discovered earlier this semester that the University did not intend for the building to be a residence hall. While ORL leases the majority of the rooms in the building for its housing lottery, the Dakota is managed by the H.G. Smithy Co. through GW's real estate division.

Since ORL leases so many rooms, it maintains a staff in the Dakota including of one resident director and three resident assistants. It is patrolled by University Police, and GW housekeeping cleans the rooms that house GW students.

According to a flyer distributed at the RHA meeting, the first option is to maintain the existing conditions.

The second idea, called an "Independent Living Hall With No Staff," includes having a graduate student or upperclassman come in and develop the community.

"Community Standards Hall" is the third proposal. One resident manager would live in the building, and volunteers would post club, news and activity information.

The fourth option is to move the housing system's special interest floors to the Dakota. "Politics and Values,"

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Students gather 'round to discuss coordinating student groups' political activism at Tuesday night's political round table. (See story, p. 3.)

JEC prepares for one-day campus elections

Plan would also allow more financial flexibility for student candidates to campaign

BY AMY S. MAIO
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The Joint Elections Committee Charter Review Committee has proposed changes to the JEC's charter that will give equal representation to each of the committee's chartering organizations and will affect how the elections are financed.

The revisions, which will be released Thursday to the general public, also call for elections to be held on one day and will no longer penalize candidates who receive non-currency gifts.

The review committee is made up of chartering organizations of the JEC, which includes Marvin Center Governing Board Chair Katherine Arnold, Student Association President Damian McKenna, Program Board Executive Chair Rodney Salinas and Chair of the 1996 JEC Andrew Hamilton.

Revisions to the charter began this summer when Salinas sent a memo to the JEC's chartering organizations that explained how he wanted to alter the charter so it

would be consistent with the PB Election Committee. This memo prompted the chartering organizations to revise the entire charter.

Salinas said the goal of the committee was to "create one body that covers all elections, the true meaning of the Joint Elections Committee, and make it into something that we can all agree on, something that we can all be a part of."

One of the biggest contentions Salinas said PB had with the old charter was that the three organizations were not equally represented, although they each contributed equal funds.

Under the old charter, the JEC was composed of five members, three appointed by the SA and one each from PB and the MCGB. Salinas said this aspect of the charter was similar to taxation without representation.

"We are being asked to pay the equal amounts, but yet we are not represented in a fair and just manner," he said.

The revisions call for each of the chartering organizations to have two members on the JEC. In

Swim team rocked by hazing charges

GW to question more than 30 athletes

BY JIM GERAGHTY AND
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HATCHET STAFF WRITERS

The University is investigating allegations of hazing and alcohol violations by more than 30 members of the GW swimming team.

Sources indicated that students violated the Student Code of Conduct in a variety of ways in the first week of September, leading up to at least one student claiming he was forced to drink alcohol at a party.

Dean of Students Linda Donnell said her office is "looking into allegations of violations of the Code of Conduct" by a GW athletic team. While she could not comment specifically on the case for legal reasons, she said some students charged with the most seri-

ous violations could face sanctions ranging up to suspension or expulsion from school.

Athletic Director Jack Kvancz said his department will not consider taking any action against the team until the Dean of Students Office completes its investigation, which should occur in the next two weeks.

"Let's wait and see what happens. Let's see who's culpable," Kvancz said. "The system will work, the punishment will fit the crime if there is a punishment. Obviously, there's going to be some action taken."

The allegations stem from an incident on the night of Sept. 7, when sources said a student on the swimming team returned from a series of on- and off-

(See ATHLETES, p. 15)

addition, an organization is no longer required to pay for financing the run-off election unless its candidates are represented.

In an attempt to save money, the review committee decided to shorten the elections from two days to one. The average cost of the two-day general election and one run-off day is \$4,000. The estimated cost of a one-day general

election and one run-off is \$2,300.

Although voter turnout has traditionally been low - from 1993 through 1996 the average number of students who voted was 2,275 - Hamilton said he doesn't believe the changes will adversely affect voter turnout.

"The polls are going to be open longer to allow more flexibility for

(See PB, p. 14)

ORL proposes to end in-hall housing lottery

BY RACHEL JENSEN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The Office of Residential Life has proposed to revamp the residence hall lottery system, a plan that includes eliminating the in-hall lottery completely.

This proposal would make the process dependent solely on the all-hall lottery. It would also include giving preference to complete rooms - students who have already chosen roommates.

ORL is reviewing the housing process to see if revisions or changes are necessary. Officials say

they hope to make the process more fair for all students and respond to the perception that some are dissatisfied with the current system.

Another idea would move the hall selection process to earlier in the semester. There have been some complaints that the process interferes with midterms.

One suggestion is to move the process to February and to condense it into one weekend, rather than the current 10 days.

The Residence Hall Association is looking at the proposal now before it submits a recommendation.

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WILL WORK.**

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3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Stuart Hall 401



FRATERNITY RUSH 1996 LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

JOIN ALL GREEKS SATURDAY, SEPT. 28TH ON THE QUAD FOR A CONCERT AND BARBECUE

(12 P.M.-6 P.M.). THEN FEEL FREE TO ATTEND ANY OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS

ALPHA EPSILON PI FRATERNITY	BETA THETA PI	KAPPA SIGMA	LAMBDA CHI ALPHA - DELTA XI	PHI KAPPA PSI	PHI SIGMA KAPPPA	PI KAPPA ALPHA	SIGMA CHI	SIGMA NU	TAU KAPPA EPSILON	THETA DELTA CHI
SAT. SEPT. 28 1AM: BBQ AT THE TAN HOUSE. COME BY AFTER YOUR PARTY	SUN. SEPT. 29TH **VEGAS NIGHT**	FRI. SEPT. 27, AFTER MIDNIGHT HANGOVER HELPER BBQ-WHITE HOUSE (607 2 1ST)	SAT. SEPT. 28, 11PM GO-KARTS MEET @ FSK, 9:45PM	FRI./SAT. 28TH, 12AM MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST	SAT. SEPT. 28, 1PM BBQ AT THE HOUSE DOWN A BURGER & KILL A WEINER	SAT. SEPT. 28, 9PM "Who's Your Daddy Night" @ 2420 K ST. LADIES NIGHT, MEET THE FRATERNITY.	SAT. SEPT. 28, 12-5PM: IFC EVENT ON THE QUAD 8PM: FREE DINNER & TOUR OF THE HOUSE STOP BY THE HOUSE & MEET THE BROTHERS WHILE ENJOYING A DELI- CIOUS FREE DINNER.	SAT. SEPT. 28, 5:30PM SOCCER & SN JOIN THE INTRAMURAL SOCCER CHAMPS FOR A MATCH ON THE MALL & SEE HOW YOU MEASURE UP. MEET AT THE HOUSE.	SAT. SEPT. 28, 8PM POKER SMOKER (FINE CIGARS AVAIL- ABLE) MEET OUTSIDE THURSTON	SAT. SEPT. 28 IFC RUSH ON THE QUAD COME MEET THE BROTHERS. EVENING ACTIVITIES TBA
12-4PM: GREEK WEEK BEGINS ON THE QUAD.	MON. SEPT. 30TH MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL WITH THE PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT	SAT. SEPT. 28, 8-10PM STOGIES & HOAGIES GET TO KNOW THE MEN OF KAPPA SIGMA. RED HOUSE (2208 F ST.)	SUN. SEPT. 29, 1PM FOOTBALL & PIZZA JOIN KAPPA SIGMA FOR A TRADITIONAL SUNDAY. RED HOUSE (2208 F ST.)	SAT. 28TH, 1PM FOOTBALL ON QUAD FOLLOWED BY BBQ	SUN. SEPT. 29, 3PM FOOTBALL WITH THE BROTHERS COME THROW IT AROUND LIKE THE BOYS	SUN. SEPT. 29, 10PM "DOUBLE TROUBLE" YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS!	SUN. SEPT. 29, 3PM COOKOUT WITH THE SIGS JOIN US AT THE HOUSE WHILE WE HANG OUT & EAT THE BEST MEAL ON CAMPUS.	SUN. SEPT. 29, 1PM CRABFEAST, RIBFEST, & SN YOU WANT CRABS? WE'VE GOT CRABS, ALONG WITH RIBS, BURGERS, HOT DOGS, & NFL FOOTBALL. COME TO THE HOUSE FOR FREE FOOD AND FOOT- BALL.	SUN. SEPT. 29 TKE SNEAK-A-PEAK MEET OUTSIDE THE TKE HOUSE	SUN. SEPT. 29 MYSTERY EVENT AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW THE BROTHERS. LOCATED TBA.
4PM: AEI FOOTBALL ON THE QUAD.	TUES. OCT. 1 BILLIARDS NIGHT!	SUN. SEPT. 29, 8PM AROUND THE WORLD OF KAPPA SIGMA FIND OUT WHAT KAPPA SIGMA IS ALL ABOUT. WHITE HOUSE (607 2 1ST ST)	MON. SEPT. 30, 9PM MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL. LOCATION TBA	SUN. 29TH EVENTS ON QUAD WITH BROTHERS	MON. SEPT. 30, 8:30PM MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL MINDLESS MALE BONDING AT ITS BEST	MON. SEPT. 30, 8PM "Pigskin With Pike" MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL & FOOD. MEET OUTSIDE THURSTON, ADAMS, OR THE ASTON @ 8PM.	MON. SEPT. 30, 9PM MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL BLOWOUT DALLAS VS PHILLY NO PIZZA & WINGS HERE. COME BY FOR A CATERED MEAL BY SOME OF THE FINEST CHEFS IN THE DC AREA & ENJOY THE BIGGEST GAME OF WEEK.	MON. SEPT. 30, 8:30PM STOGIES, HOAGIES, & SN TAKE A GAMBLE AT THE SN CASINO, AND WIN SOME GREAT PRIZES. THE FLOOR OPENS AT 8:30PM. WE'LL HAVE STOGIES AND MANY O' HOAGIES, SO COME AS YOU ARE.	MON. SEPT. 30 FOOTBALL FREE FOOD	MON. SEPT. 30 CIGARS AND MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL BRING A CUBAN. MEET AT 2207 K ST. NW. 8PM-11PM
9:30PM: MEET AT THE GREENHOUSE. DESTINATION ???.	WED. OCT. 2 WINGS AND THINGS... ALL DAY!!!!	MON. SEPT. 30, 9PM MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL AT FRIDAY'S GAME STARTS AT 9PM. . . STOP BY ANY- TIME FOR FOOD AND THE GAME.	OCT. 1, 8PM POOL TOURNAMENT 5TH FLOOR MARVIN CENTER	MON. 30TH, MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL WITH CHILI	TUE. OCT. 1, 7:30PM EVENING AT THE IMPROV WE'RE REALLY GOING. SO GET THERE ON TIME!!	TUE. OCT. 1, 8:30PM "LET ME SEE YOUR TUNA ROLL" EAT IT RAW, IT'S SUSHI/KARAOKE NIGHT.	TUE. OCT. 1, 7PM HOOTERS RESTAURANT THIS IS THE EVENT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR. OH, THE LEGS, BREASTS, (AND WINGS) DON'T GET ANY BETTER THAN AT HOOTERS. YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS ONE, SO MEET AT THE HOUSE & DON'T BE LATE. THE BUS LEAVES PROMPTLY AT 7.	TUE. OCT. 1, 7:30PM GO-KARTS! JOIN THE BROTHERS ON A SMALLER BASIS FOR A NIGHT OF VARIOUS ACTI- VITIES. WANNABE A SNEAK PREVIEW OF A MOVIE? HOW ABOUT MINI-GOLF? THERE'S A LOT GOING ON IN THE DISTRICT, AND YOU CAN DECIDE WHAT YOU WANT TO DO. MEET AT THE HOUSE.	TUE. OCT. 1 QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH THE BROTHERS BRING IT! MEET AT THE TKE HOUSE ANY TIME, WITH ANY QUESTION	TUE. OCT. 1 OCTOBERFEST A GREEK CELEBRATION GERMAN-STYLE. ROSE GARDEN BEHIND GOVERNMENT HALL 5PM-7PM.
SUN. SEPT. 29 11:30: MEET OUTSIDE THURSTON, TIME TO PLAY BALL! PAINT BALL!	THU. OCT. 3 THE BETA THETA EXPERIENCE	TUE. OCT. 1, 6:30PM LASER QUEST IN FRONT OF THURSTON.	TUES. OCT. 2, 7:30PM DINNER AT MILO'S 2124 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, NW	MON. 30TH, MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL WITH CHILI	TUE. OCT. 1, 7:30PM EVENING AT THE IMPROV WE'RE REALLY GOING. SO GET THERE ON TIME!!	WED. OCT. 2, 7:30PM DINNER WITH DA BOYS RESTAURANT DINING AT ITS FINEST	WED. OCT. 2, 7PM ROOM TO ROOM SMOKER FIND OUT EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SIGMA CHI AND MORE. FOOD REFRESHMENTS, & CIG- ARS WILL BE HERE WAITING.	WED. OCT. 3, 7:30PM GO-KARTS! TEST YOUR DRIVING SKILLS AGAINST THE SN RACING TEAM. MEET AT THE HOUSE.	WED. OCT. 2, 9PM TKE BEEF ROAST ALL YOU CAN EAT FESTIVITIES ARE AT THE HOUSE	WED. OCT. 2 THETA DELTA CHI SPECIAL MONUMENT TOUR ONE YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS! MEET AT 2207 K ST. NW. 10PM-11PM
MON. OCT. 1 8:30PM: MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL AT THE GREENHOUSE. -WINGS & THINGS	FRI. OCT. 4 LET'S GO TO THE RACETRACK!!	WED. OCT. 2, 7:30 BILLIARDS MEET AT THE WHITE HOUSE (607 2 1ST ST)	WED. OCT. 3, 6PM STEAK AND CRABS FEST H STREET TERRACE	WED. 2ND, 8PM BASKETBALL WITH BROTHERS	WED. OCT. 2, 7:30PM DINNER WITH DA BOYS RESTAURANT DINING AT ITS FINEST	THU. OCT. 3 PHI SIGMA KAPPA DATE(S) PARTY BY INVITATION ONLY	THU. OCT. 3, 10PM "HIT IT IN THE SAND" BEVERAGES, BUFFET, AND BEACH VOLLEYBALL IN DC. MEET OUTSIDE THURSTON.	THU. OCT. 3 A NIGHT IN BALTIMORE TAKE A ROAD TRIP WITH THE BROTHERS FOR DIN- NER AND A NIGHT OUT IN BALTIMORE. AN INVITE IS REQUIRED. TIME & DETAILS TBA.	THU. OCT. 3, 9PM SLOPPY PING PONG TOURNAMENT CHALLENGE THE BEST ON CAMPUS	THU. OCT. 3 BILLIARDS WITH THE BROTHERS MEET AT 2207 K ST. NW. 9PM-11PM
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WED. OCT. 2 8:30PM: A TOUCH OF CLASS, WINSTON HOUSE (INVITE ONLY)		FRI. OCT. 4 THANK GOD IT'S... INVITE ONLY		FRI. 4TH DINNER WITH BROTHERS (INVITE ONLY)	WED. OCT. 2, 7:30PM DINNER WITH DA BOYS RESTAURANT DINING AT ITS FINEST	THU. OCT. 3 PHI SIGMA KAPPA DATE(S) PARTY BY INVITATION ONLY	THU. OCT. 3, 10PM "HIT IT IN THE SAND" BEVERAGES, BUFFET, AND BEACH VOLLEYBALL IN DC. MEET OUTSIDE THURSTON.	THU. OCT. 3 A NIGHT IN BALTIMORE TAKE A ROAD TRIP WITH THE BROTHERS FOR DIN- NER AND A NIGHT OUT IN BALTIMORE. AN INVITE IS REQUIRED. TIME & DETAILS TBA.	SAT. OCT. 5, 2PM IT WILL BE ANNOUNCED. INVITATION ONLY.	SAT. OCT. 5 INVITATION ONLY ROAD TRIP DESTINATION TBA
FRI. OCT. 4 9:30PM: EYE OF THE STORM. LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED (INVITE ONLY)				SAT. 5TH PHI PSI SPECIAL (INVITE ONLY)	THU. OCT. 3, 10PM "HIT IT IN THE SAND" BEVERAGES, BUFFET, AND BEACH VOLLEYBALL IN DC. MEET OUTSIDE THURSTON.	FRI. OCT. 4 FORMAL SMOKER BY INVITATION ONLY	THU. OCT. 3, 10PM "HIT IT IN THE SAND" BEVERAGES, BUFFET, AND BEACH VOLLEYBALL IN DC. MEET OUTSIDE THURSTON.	THU. OCT. 3 A NIGHT IN BALTIMORE TAKE A ROAD TRIP WITH THE BROTHERS FOR DIN- NER AND A NIGHT OUT IN BALTIMORE. AN INVITE IS REQUIRED. TIME & DETAILS TBA.		
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GW groups come full political circle

PB round table calls for activism in '96

BY STACEY FELSEN
HATCHET REPORTER

Student organizations discussed upcoming political events and the possible creation of a unified political events calendar during the Program Board's political affairs committee's political round table Tuesday.

PB held the meeting to create awareness of political activism as well as to coordinate political activism on campus.

"The problem that we seem to have encountered already was the fact that there were so many groups putting on so many different political events because it is an election year. People were starting to schedule against each other and it was going to take away from different audiences," said Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar, chair of the political affairs committee.

The College Democrats, the College Republicans and the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Alliance were among the student groups represented.

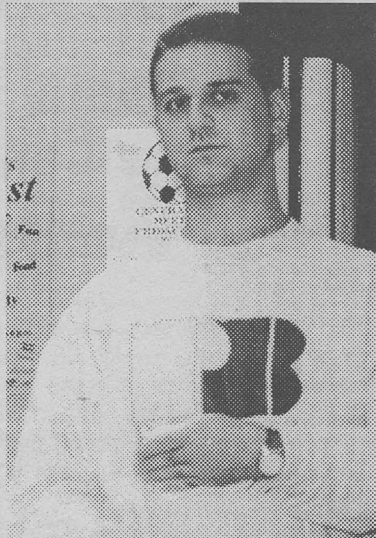
Students not affiliated with organizations also attended. Many expressed the desire to become more aware about political events on campus or to become involved in campus activities.

"The political affairs committee thought it would be in our best interest to organize a political round table, bringing all these different groups together and putting together a calendar of events leading up to the election and what is to come after the election," Golparvar said.

Programs listed on the calendar include CDs' and CRs' campaign trips, a mock election, an election night party and a rally on the D.C. Council's student parking issue to be attended by GW and Georgetown University students.

Student leaders were enthusiastic about the political round table.

"I think this round table is especially important, since we are in Washington, D.C., at GW, which



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Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar leads the discussion at Tuesday's round table.

coincidentally was ranked the No. 13 school in political awareness, to have all these groups coordinate their efforts in this big election year," said CD President Doug Miner.

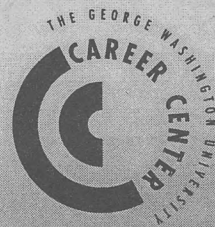
"The calendar serves two goals. It coordinates their efforts and, if we have a unified calendar like this, it lets all students from around the University know what's going on," Miner said.

One student leader commented on the legitimacy of the term "round table."

"The name 'political round table' is kind of funny ... because I think that every group on campus is somehow inherently political. When you get down to it, politics really moves the heart of most of the student organizations," said AnnaLisa Schmidt, community services chair of the College Democrats.

Student groups directly linked to politics discussed upcoming political events and campaign trips as well.

"It looks like we are going to have some friendly competition between the College Republicans and the College Democrats this year," Miner said. "This encourages further outreach and political participation."



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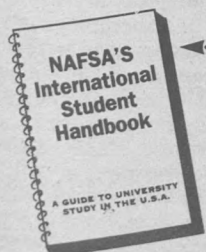
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Necessary review

GW's student leaders have finally begun the process of rewriting GW's ancient student election guidelines. We commend the committee members for taking this much-needed step, and caution them to work carefully to be sure the new rules serve their purpose.

The Joint Elections Committee will get a rewritten charter to replace one that was originally put together in 1978, so students have their work cut out for them. So far, the proposed changes seem to be good steps toward a goal of streamlining the election process.

Under the new charter, students would vote on only one day, rather than the current two. This will cut costs and ensure that students don't have to deal with two days of palm-carding and politicking outside the Marvin Center.

The JEC will become a year-round regulatory force, rather than disbanding right after the elections. This should prevent incidents like what happened last year, when a candidate's backers used Student Association materials to print some of his flyers.

The JEC now proposes to allow students who make it to a runoff election to spend an additional 15 percent above their original spending limit, and candidates will be allowed to pool their spending if they run on tickets for financial purposes.

One caution: The new proposed rules also say that "corporate sponsorship" will be permitted. The JEC should ensure that this is not interpreted as permission to receive donations. Rather, it should allow for candidates to be resourceful and find better prices on campaign materials, instead of setting an arbitrary "average price" and forcing all candidates to report that price.

Again, we praise the Program Board, Marvin Center Governing Board and Student Association for taking on this important project. The revision committee wants student input on these new rules, and students should see it as their duty to speak up if they have ideas for further changes.

Debatable decision

The decision by the Commission on Presidential Debates to exclude Reform Party candidate Ross Perot from next month's debates is an unfortunate commentary on the lock the two major parties have on our government.

Commission Co-chairs Paul Kirk and Frank Fahrenkopf say they reached their decision because Perot has "no real chance" of winning the presidency. That may be because of the outdated Electoral College. It may simply be because polls are showing him with only 5 to 7 percent of the popular vote. But Perot has a message that at least some Americans want to hear, and they should be able to hear not only his message, but that of other third-party candidates as well.

The two major parties have far too much control over this process. Why should a commission made up entirely of Republicans and Democrats get to decide whether third parties are going to be included in national debates? The answer is simple — it shouldn't. The commission should be nonpartisan.

With regard to the debates themselves, we know it would be impractical to put 10 or 15 candidates on a stage and let them shout at each other. But alternatives exist to not letting them be heard at all.

CNN, for example, has offered to broadcast a third-party debate. The major networks won't do it — they're too worried about not getting enough sponsors to buy advertising time. CNN is to be commended for its willingness to take a chance, ignore the bottom line and provide the public with an opportunity to hear alternative ideas.

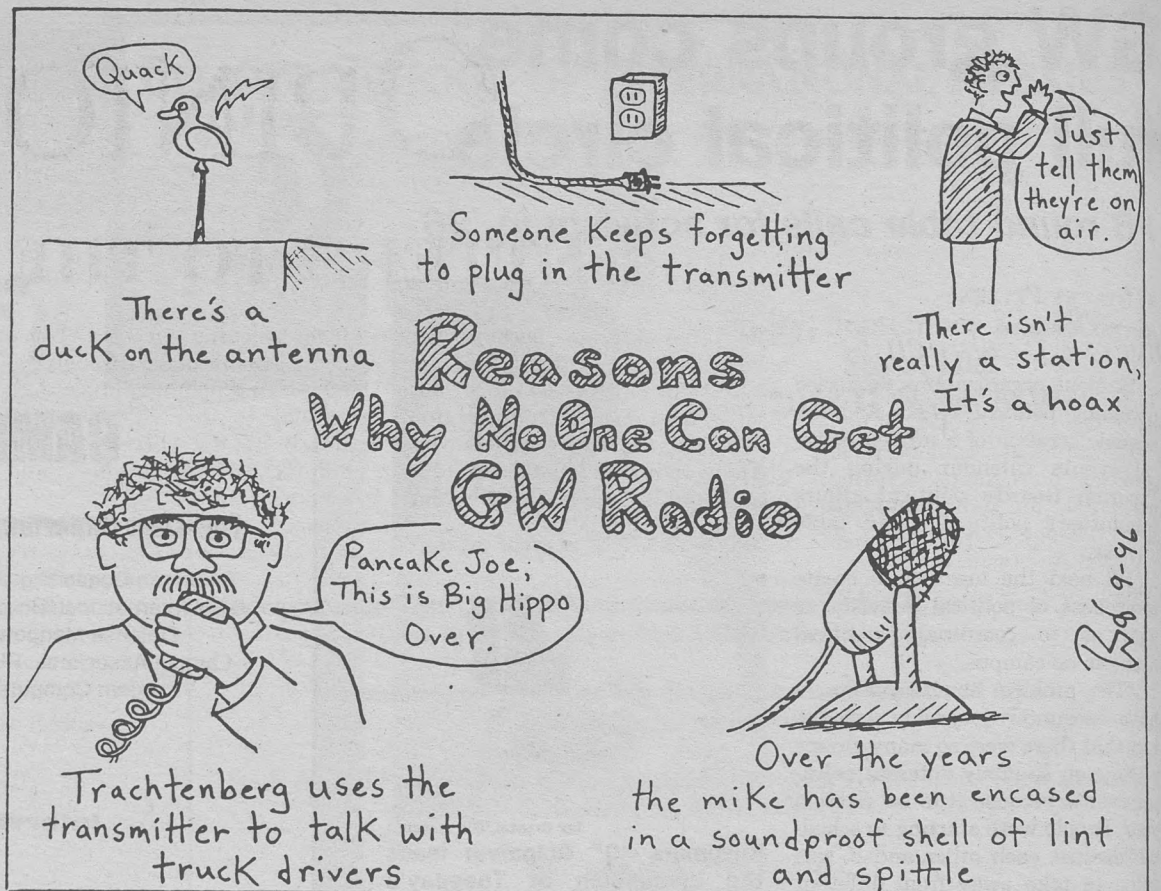
Perot is suing the commission in hopes of stopping the debates and getting himself included. Even if his suit does not succeed, we hope it will make people realize that we have only two real options when it comes to choosing our leaders, and in a democracy we should have many more.

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Dole's economic plan is answer to nation's budget and debt woes

In the coming weeks, the College Republicans will write a series of articles to clarify the positions of our party and our presidential candidate. The issues confronting the nation today are too important to be misrepresented. That said, let us turn to an issue that affects us all: the economy.

On Aug. 5, GOP presidential nominee Robert J. Dole unveiled "Restoring the American Dream: Bob Dole's Plan for Economic Growth." Its main points are:

- Tax relief: a 15 percent cut in individual income tax rates, a \$500-per-child family tax credit for children under 18, a 50 percent reduction in the capital gains tax and a repeal of President Clinton's Social Security benefits tax.
- A balanced budget amendment to the Constitution and a balanced budget by the year 2002.
- Regulatory reform.
- An expansion of Individual Retirement Accounts.
- Education and job training incentives.

The plan was immediately attacked by Democrats and the media. President Clinton claimed the plan would "blow a big hole" in the deficit. The New York Times ran an editorial criticizing Dole for "Tax Cut Trickery." A Washington Post editorial read, "Been there, done that ... It's what Ronald Reagan also promised four presidential elections ago. The national debt has quintupled since."

It is wrong to base a projected increase in the deficit on the Reagan administration's economic policies. Look at the numbers for the period between 1983, the year Reagan's economic policies took hold, and 1989:

- Annual GDP growth averaged 3.9 percent (compared with 1.8 percent between 1989 and 1996).
- The unemployment rate fell from 9.6 percent to 5.3 percent.
- Tax revenues increased from \$601 billion to \$991 billion.

So why did the deficit increase so dramatically? Well, government spending rose from \$808 billion to \$1.143 trillion, far outpacing the amount of money the government was taking in. This increase, how-

ever, had little to do with tax cuts, as demonstrated by the rise in revenues. The deficit skyrocketed for two reasons: Cold War defense spending (which, by the way, Reagan won) and the lack of a line-item veto to eliminate unnecessary spending. If Dole were elected, neither of these reasons would be issues today.

Of course, President Reagan also had to deal with the "tax and spend" policies of a liberal Democratic Congress. If the American people keep the Republicans in control on Nov. 5, Dole

Mike Passey

would be blessed with a legislature committed to balancing the budget.

But how does Dole plan to pay for his tax cut? A rise in tax revenues due to higher economic growth and the behavioral responses of taxpayers will both increase taxable income, as was demonstrated by Reagan's policies. Second, Dole proposes additional savings over six years:

- A 10 percent cut in non-defense administrative costs (\$90 billion).
- An FCC spectrum auction (\$34 billion).
- Getting rid of the Energy (\$32 billion) and Commerce (\$15 billion) Departments.
- A 1 percent reduction in other spending programs (\$46 billion).

These proposed savings add up to \$217 billion. It is important to note that contrary to what Democrats and pundits suggest, Medicare, Social Security and defense programs are not on the chopping block.

In an editorial the day before Dole's announcement, The New York Times said the tax cuts of John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan stimulated growth because "those were years of economic slack, when tax cuts can make sense. Now, the economy is operating near capacity."

Irwin Stelzer, a policy analyst at the American Enterprise Institute, disagrees. "President

Kennedy committed himself to his tax cut in June 1962, when manufacturing plants were operating at almost 81 percent of capacity and the unemployment rate was 5.5 percent," Stelzer writes. "Dole's suggestion comes at a time when manufacturing plants are operating at 82 percent of capacity and the unemployment rate is 5.4 percent. When Reagan's cuts were enacted, plants were running at 80 percent of capacity ... The numbers are virtually the same."

"But I read in The Washington Post that economists are questioning the 'assumptions' and 'validity' of Dole's plan," some might reply. Well, some are, but many are not. In a study done by GW's own William Adams, an "unexpected degree of sympathy for tax cuts" was found among economists. The study, a telephone survey of 700 members of the American Economics Association, found that:

- 81 percent said the Reagan tax cut increased economic growth.
- 52 percent blame the growth of the deficit on increased spending more than on the Reagan tax cut.

• A plurality (42 percent) want to see the next Congress put a high priority on both slowing government spending and cutting taxes.

Clearly, not all economists are against Dole's plan, as some in the media and the Democratic Party would have the public believe.

But can Dole really cut taxes and balance the budget? The answer is yes. New Jersey is a perfect example of how it is possible to accomplish both at the same time. GOP Gov. Christine Todd Whitman kept her promise to implement a 30 percent income tax cut and significant business tax cuts. Since then, New Jersey has seen its general fund surplus increase to \$550 million, the unemployment rate fall to its lowest level in five years and the creation of 136,000 jobs.

It is obvious that one can cut taxes and balance the budget simultaneously. Doing both is a matter of presidential will. Bob Dole has the will, and he will do it.

—Mike Passey is director of public affairs for the GW College Republicans.

OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Diverse freshmen

In the Monday, Sept. 16, 1996, issue of The GW Hatchet, an article ("GW students explore racial interaction on campus") stated, "Kirti Patel, an Indian student, said she has not been welcomed by the African American or the white community on campus." I believe the reporter misunderstood my remarks during the discussion that Thursday.

I never said that I did not feel welcome by these groups. Rather on the contrary, I feel very accepted by my African American and white friends. What I hoped she and the other students at the forum understood from my input was that most of my non-Indian friends were made during my freshman year, because as freshmen we were ready to meet new people.

Most of us came to GW not knowing anyone else, so everyone was willing to meet others. I could walk into the elevator in Thurston Hall and introduce myself to those I did not know, and they accepted my hand shake without a second thought. I felt comfortable initiating introductions because I knew most people I encountered were in a similar situation as myself — we did not know people and we wanted to make good friends.

Now as an upperclassman, it is harder to initiate an introduction because most people are secure in their friendships and some — black, white and Asian — don't seem to desire new friendships. As an Indian student, I find it is easier to

meet other Indians because we have that common culture, and our celebrations allow us to come together and meet each other. But now if I wanted to meet others who are not Indian, I would have to meet them through my friends who are a part of that culture.

People tend to make friends with those who they feel most comfortable with and those they can relate to. It does not matter what race, religion or preference they are. As long as they are nice to me and I can talk to them, I will feel welcome.

—Kirti Patel
junior

Don't play games

You might imagine my surprise when I learned from Mr. Dominic Ferullo's item in The GW Hatchet's Opinion section ("It's all work, no play on Gelman computers, Sept. 19, p. 5) that "computer labs on campus can be reserved for playing games."

Mr. Ferullo walked into the IBM computer classroom in Gelman Library and discovered seven computers with sheets of paper noting that they were reserved. These reservation notices were obviously placed on the computers by the individuals who selfishly wished to reserve the use of the computers for themselves for the purpose of playing the game that ensued.

Let me set the record straight. First, computer classrooms may only be reserved by faculty and

staff for teaching purposes. These reservations are made through the University's scheduling office. Any exceptions to this rule must be approved by the Director of the Computer Information and Resource Center.

Second, individual computers within a classroom or lab are never legitimately reserved for any purpose. Students who wish to use a computer should remove any sign indicating that an individual computer is reserved for whatever purpose.

Third, game playing is only allowed if it does not interfere with a studious atmosphere within a classroom or lab, and there is at least one open computer.

—J. Bradley Reese, director
Computer Information and
Resource Center (CIRC)

The other football

Recently, a freshman wrote an article in The GW Hatchet about the lack of football at GW ("Is lack of GW football cause for ignorance?" Sept. 19, p. 5). GW students should find pleasure in our *fútbol* teams and forget about our non-existent football team.

In an ad for soccer cleats, Alexi Lalas, world-class soccer player and flamboyant redhead, is quoted as saying, "My teachers told me to set goals. My parents told me to set goals. My heart just told me to score them."

Until recently, few Americans have been able to relate to Lalas' words. Despite the fact that soc-

cer is the most highly regarded sport in the world, Americans are just beginning to recognize and appreciate it. As a member of the minority, I knew who Tony Meola and John Harkes were prior to World Cup '94. I knew the passion and the flair of soccer while Americans were still swearing that the game was boring because players did not score enough. Of course, no one's head was bashed in — so how could it be a real sport? Really, what was I thinking?

Recently I, along with other GW students, went to the last regular season game for D.C. United's inaugural Major League Soccer season. Despite a fairly successful first run, there are still skeptics at the stadium, those who question soccer's worth.

To those I say: Watch highlights from the 1994 World Cup. Watch the celebration of the U.S. national team as they defeated Columbia. Notice the desire of Roberto Baggio as he struck the ball past the Nigerian goalkeeper in the last moments of the second round. And recall the triumph of the Brazilians as they held the World Cup in the air for their country.

Most importantly, look around the corner and notice the numerous young children kicking a soccer ball and not a football. Oh yeah, and notice that GW has two great soccer teams and no football team at all.

—Francesca DiMeglio
freshman

Another conflict

While the world is busy watching the ongoing U.S.-Iraqi conflict in the Persian Gulf, there is a chance of an Israeli attack on Syria. This attack would exert political and military pressure on Syria's Hafez al-Assad in order to force him to reduce support for Hezbollah and give more concessions to Israel.

Many people thought that with the new Israeli government headed by Binyamin Netanyahu, there would never be peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors, Syria and Lebanon. But peace talks between Syria and Israel are to be resumed after the U.S. presidential elections in November. In fact, the United States has played a critical role in bringing Arabs and Israelis together by exerting political pressure on both sides.

One should note that without Syria's and Lebanon's cooperation, peace will never prevail in the Middle East. That goes back to the Syrian control over the Iranian Party of God in Lebanon, which forms the greatest threat to Israel's security. But how will Netanyahu deal with Syria? He should certainly learn from the mistakes of the previous Labor government and think twice before using Israel's military.

—Samer Hussein
senior

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Former colonel discusses recent Bosnia tour

Conflict resolution expert helped monitor nation's elections

BY JAY JAGANNATHAN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The Elliott School of International Affairs continued its weekly Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series Wednesday with a lecture in Stuart

Hall by George Raach, a retired U.S. Army colonel and an expert in conflict resolution.

Raach recently returned from Bosnia, where he served as an Organization for Security of the Countries of Europe observer to the

Sept. 14 elections. He recounted some impressions of Bosnia and discussed the fairness of the elections.

Raach also described Bihac, a city in the northeastern corner of Bosnia, that has been torn apart by

civil war.

"Even though the press portrayed the election as being something that only happened on Sept. 14, it was a much larger process," Raach said.

The election process included candidates campaigning, the actual voting and the vote counting — aspects that may not have been widely publicized but were still crucial components of the process, Raach said.

Because of a general distrust for the United Nations by many Bosnian leaders, Raach said the responsibility for the elections was given to the OSCE. The OSCE formed a provisional election committee that orchestrated the elections along with local election committees. The organization also provided supervisors and observers for the election.

"The two central questions surrounding the Bosnia elections were whether they occurred at the right time, and whether they were fair," Raach said. "As far as the inhabitants of Bosnia are concerned, all the parties wanted the elections as early as possible," Raach said.

Raach also said the United States had a vested interest in having the elections on Sept. 14, since it would "validate the American position in Europe and Bosnia."

Raach cited some breakdowns on the part of the OSCE that may have made the elections less fair.

Among the major breakdowns Raach cited were the process of verifying identification and the impartial ballot counting.

"The OSCE did not train everybody to count ballots properly," Raach said, making the process of ballot counting "chaotic and disorganized."

Raach said room for error existed because the list of registered voters in the 1996 elections was manually copied from a list of people who voted in the 1991 election.

"When I looked at some birthdates (on the election records) they read 1885," Raach said.

Raach said that even though he doubts this could have much of an effect on the election's results, he does believe it gives critics of the OSCE fuel to criticize the group's handling of the elections.

"It is something that will haunt the OSCE in the future," Raach said.

Despite the breakdowns, Raach was optimistic that the Bosnian elections will be successful.

"Overall it appears to have been a free and fair election," Raach said. "Whether these preliminary observations are true will only be known in the coming weeks."

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Students fair well with study abroad

BY RACHEL SELIGMAN
HATCHET REPORTER

Students interested in attending classes overseas flocked Wednesday to the Study Abroad Fair in Gelman Yard.

GW's Study Abroad Office provides this service every year to give students an open forum in which to speak with representatives from different programs.

Many students were just passing by and stopped to pick up information, although some had specific programs or countries in mind.

Christina Fay, a junior political communication major, said she was only interested in the Semester at Sea program. She said its table was "very informative," with a representative who had already attended the program.

Lissa Loeb, a senior Judaic studies major, was at the fair representing Ben-Gurion University's program in Beer-Sheva, Israel. She spent last semester with the program and received a scholarship to promote it at GW. Loeb said she was satisfied with the program. She added that even if she had not received the scholarship, she would still be promoting it.

Ben-Gurion University offers a "Kibbutz Stay" or an "Archeological Dig" program option in addition to community internships.

Jamie Webber, a sophomore international affairs major, said she

definitely wants to study in Italy but was just passing by to get ideas.

The fair provided facts about a variety of programs. Information was available about semester, year and summer agendas. In addition, there were also some work or major-specific programs.

Other programs represented had specific themes. Beaver College has classes in Austria, Ireland and Spain on "International Peace and Conflict Studies." The Council on International Educational Exchange gave information about a "Work Abroad" program in which students can spend three to six months working in any of eight countries.

Leiden University of Leiden, the Netherlands, had information about its semester- and year-long programs.

According to Kristina Huddle of the Study Abroad Office, the fair is always well-attended.

Huddle said the representatives who come to the fair are basically the same every year and come from GW-sponsored or affiliated programs, or from those that a lot of GW students attend.

"We get a very good response every year," she said. She added that many students who attend call the office later for more details on programs.

For more information on study abroad programs, the Study Abroad Office can be reached at 994-1649.

J Street and Thurston extend meal times by one half hour

Lunch hours at the J Street and Thurston Hall cafeterias have been extended an extra half hour so students on the meal plan will have more time for their lunch meal.

The lunch period in which students can use their meal plan is now from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. It had ended at 2 p.m.

"The extended lunch period is a definite step forward for students who are on meal plan. They now have extra time in which to use their plan to their full advantage," said Student Association Vice President

of Public Affairs David Eldred.

Jesse Strauss, director of the SA Dining Services Commission, encouraged the expansion of lunch availability and worked with GW administrators, who met Sept. 16 and decided to extend the hours.

"This change will greatly increase student satisfaction with the meal plan by eliminating what many students saw as an unnecessary irritant," Strauss said. "This is one example of how student input can lead to an improved meal plan."

-Monique L. Harding

PB to make Religion Week a month long

The Program Board has agreed to sponsor "Religion Week" this year and expand it to a four-week "Religion Month."

The Board of Chaplains will co-sponsor the event, which will begin in November.

Aparna Ramakrishnan said she and Subha Chandar, who are both members of PB's international

al cultural affairs committee, plan to provide more programming and coverage so all students will be given a chance to arrange their schedules and become involved during their free time.

Dances, lectures and interfaith discussions are among the functions that may take place during the month.

Some of the questions scheduled to be addressed at an information meeting Tuesday night were: In what fashion can workers and volunteers be used to further knowledge of religion? What will create interest in religion and encourage the students to learn about it?

-Tony Hilton

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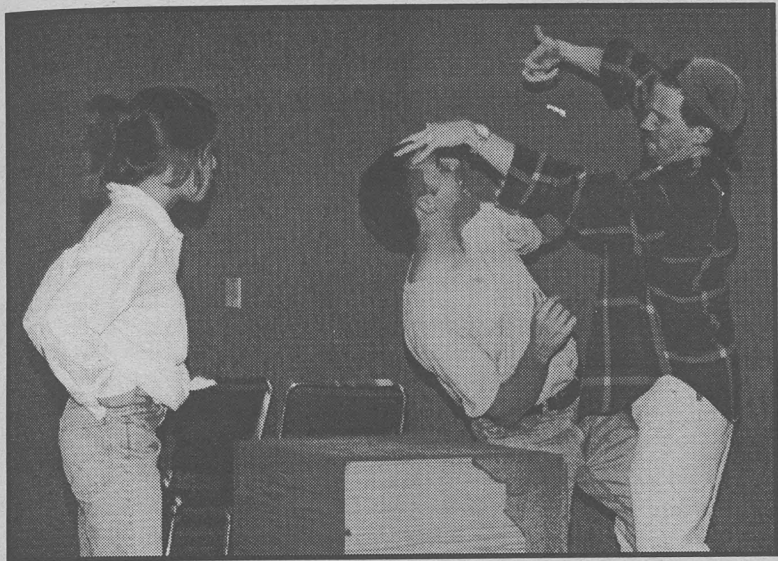


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WEEKEND



Danielle Agria ▲
New Recess member Rana Kay (l.) observes veteran hams Chris Himes and Brian Coleman (r.) at a rehearsal for Friday's show.

Take a Recess from the books

BY ALEX HOVAGUIMIAN
WEEKEND WRITER

Recess is GW's comedy and improv group, and it is appropriately named. We all have fond memories of those 15 minutes of play that we enjoyed as children. We remember the joy and relief that the break in our day provided.

Now that we are GW students, we need that break even more, and Recess is still where we find it.

Starting Sept. 27 and continuing every Friday thereafter, Recess performs downstage at Lisner Auditorium at midnight. The cost is \$3 a head, which still fits most budgets, and it might be the best three bucks you've spent at GW in a while.

Recess writes all its own material, and every Friday night is an entirely new show. A typical show lasts more than an hour and consists of an introduction, three to five skits lasting two to five minutes each, one to two sets

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Hungry for more of this *Big Night*

BY JIM GERAGHTY
WEEKEND WRITER

Big Night (Rysher Entertainment) is an odd little movie. It is the bittersweet story of two bickering Italian immigrant restaurateurs, played by Stanley Tucci and Tony Shalhoub, who try to assimilate on the Jersey shore in the 1950s. The first two-thirds of the movie is an oddball comedy featuring a variety of bizarre characters, led by this pair of underdogs.

Primo's and Secondo's restaurant, the Paradiso, is hitting on hard times. It serves authentic Italian food directly across the street from a swinging American club. Tucci, fresh from playing the Machiavellian Richard

Cross on "Murder One," shows surprising comic timing as Secondo.

Shalhoub's Primo is a loony variation of Antonio, the character he plays on "Wings." He calls customers who request ordinary spaghetti and meatballs "Philistines," and calls the cooking in the American place across the street "the rape of cuisine." He's about as customer-friendly as the Soup Nazi in "Seinfeld."

Their cross-street rival is played by Ian Holm, an Italian-mustached Ross Perot. He urges Secondo to "bite into the ass of life" and promises to bring jazz band leader Louis Prima to the Paradiso. This big night is the brothers' opportunity of a lifetime.

The remainder of the movie is a half-humorous preparation for the greatest banquet of all time with a serious climax, as the tension between

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John Herzfeld blessed in the making of 2 days

BY ERIN J. PIETROWSKI
WEEKEND WRITER

John Herzfeld, writer/director of the upcoming film *2 days in the Valley* (Rysher Entertainment), knows what it's like to be blessed.

Aside from the fact that a number of prominent, talented actors signed on to the comedy-thriller as soon as they read the script, Herzfeld was also blessed on the production side of the film-making.

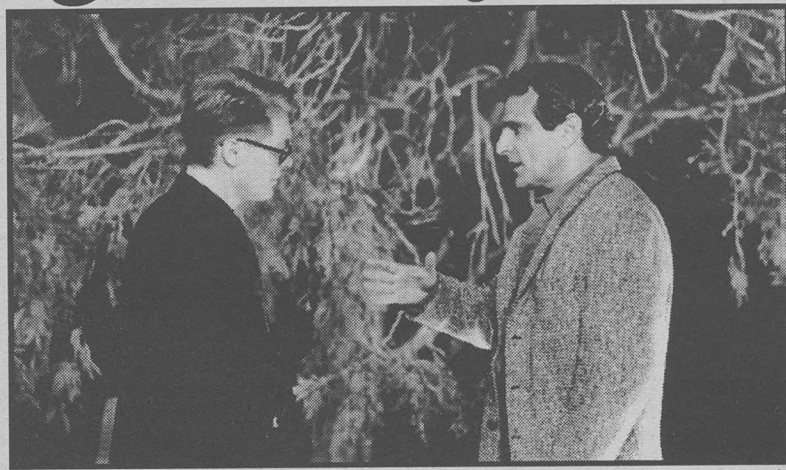
His story of potential and redemption was written in only three-and-a-half weeks. What's more amazing is that what Herzfeld wrote in those few weeks is exactly what audiences will see on the big screen. In Hollywood, a script with no rewrites from page to screen is truly a miracle, with some real writing talent thrown in for good measure.

Another miracle was the six-month turnaround from when Herzfeld sent out the scripts to the start of shooting. The actors worked for a fraction of what they are usually paid. Everything was falling into place, which made filming "... great. It was really a terrific experience," Herzfeld said in an interview while in the District last week promoting the film.

However, to reach "terrific," Herzfeld had to wallow through some "terrible" first. Disappointed and irritated with another screenplay he was writing at the time, Herzfeld traveled to Westwood's Veterans Cemetery and noticed the names Dosmo and Teddy on headstones.

"The cemetery was like a muse to me," he said, adding that he wondered what would have happened to these people if they had lived to reach their full potential. Through this, the screenplay for *2 days in the Valley* bloomed into a full-fledged story featuring 11 characters, five stories, one murder, two days and 60 seconds timed on a stopwatch.

Most of the characters come



John Herzfeld (r.), writer and director of *2 days in the Valley*, gives advice to actor James Spader (l.) on the set.

from parts of Herzfeld and his own life. He said some characters are spawns of himself, such as the down-and-out TV director Teddy Peppers (Paul Mazursky) and the vice cop Wes Taylor (Eric Stoltz), who wants to be a homicide cop. Herzfeld likened Wes' desire for a career change to his own desire at one time to change from working in TV to movies. Herzfeld said the ex-hitman Dosmo Pizzo (Danny Aiello) searching for self-esteem is also a part of him.

The director also said other characters are inspired by individuals who he has met throughout his life, such as the icy hitman Lee Woods, played brilliantly by James Spader (sex, lies, and videotape, Wolf). Lee's character was modeled after an assistant district attorney Herzfeld met in New York while filming a made-for-TV movie.

"I was doing a ride-along with this cop. He apprehended this guy ... (and) called the assistant D.A. (The D.A.) said, 'I'll tell you what, you've got two choices. You can call your lawyer, in which case, I will nail you to the wall. Or, if you work with me, and don't call your lawyer, and help us get the other guy involved,

I'll make it much easier on you.' He took out a stop watch and said, 'Now, you've got one minute to decide the rest of your life,' " Herzfeld recounted.

At first, Herzfeld said he did not want *2 days in the Valley* to be compared to a movie like *Pulp Fiction*. He said he objected to the use of the phrase "This out-pulps *Pulp Fiction*" from a critic in an advertisement for the movie.

"Why even set the comparison up?" Herzfeld said he asked. He conceded when the studio pointed out to him that *2 days* would be compared to *Pulp Fiction* even if no mention is made in the commercial.

So far, though, Herzfeld shouldn't be worried because all the early buzz about the movie has been fantastic, and comparisons with *Pulp Fiction* have been favorable.

Herzfeld, however, said his inspiration was not the huge blood-spree *Pulp Fiction* — which, incidentally, came out after he wrote the *2 days* script — or Tarantino's earlier film *The Reservoir Dogs*, but instead a little-known Italian film called *Bread and Chocolate*, which he said he would love to remake if given the chance.

The next project for Herzfeld, though, is the linear drama *Seaside*, which takes place in his home state of New Jersey. It is a big switch from *2 days in the Valley*, which is five stories intertwined.

Herzfeld said the *2 days* script is what has made him movie-director material. He went from directing such memorable TV movies as *The Preppie Murder* and *The Ryan White Story* to directing the original script of a movie he wrote in just three-and-a-half weeks.

He said he believes that word-of-mouth will propel this film into financial success, with a prayer or two thrown in as well. After all, this film has been blessed from the start.

2 days in the Valley opens in theaters Friday.



(From l. to r.) Danny Aiello and Eric Stoltz star in the movie John Herzfeld didn't want compared to *Pulp Fiction*.

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Bizarre brothers await *Big Night*

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the two brothers reaches its critical mass. But, despite its quality, *Big Night* seemed a little schizoid at times.

The under-used Minnie Driver plays Phyllis, Secondo's long-suffering girlfriend. Both she and her character don't have much to do except help out on the big night. Driver does what she can in the supporting role, but it's nothing like her knockout performance in *Circle of Friends*. However, she does pull off one of the most dignified vomiting scenes in recent memory.

Be forewarned, this is a different movie. Tucci co-directed with Tony Scott and also co-produced. This film is what results when you let actors write and direct without meddling from studios, focus groups and script doctors. You get inspired, experimental moviemaking that ends a little vaguely.

The camera sometimes swirls dizzily around the room and, at other points, entire scenes are done from faraway views. Tucci and Scott aren't just interested in telling a different story, they're interested in a different way of showing it.

This is a four-hatchet movie, provided you're in the mood for something different. If you are, then run don't walk to see this movie. When you leave, you will have two overwhelming reactions: First (or, primo) you'll contemplate the fate of two brothers. Secondo, you will have an overwhelming hankering for good Italian food.

Big Night opens in theaters Friday.

GW Recess begins fifth season of fun

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of three or more short skits lasting less than one minute and five improvs.

Among the skits planned for this week's show is a spoof of the now-famous Calvin Klein jeans ads. It features Recess members half-dressed in front of baby sheets and promises to be funny. Senior Recess member Brian Coleman said that although the group hasn't made any conscious changes in the show's format since last year, some differences in Recess will be evident at the first show.

Coleman attributes the change to some new faces in the group. "Different people attack things differently," he said.

The new members — senior Rana Kay, junior Rebecca Mason and sophomore Laura Becker — joined the group after auditions in early September. They join seniors Coleman, Herschel Bleefeld, Chris Himes, Matt Flanagan, Rachel Stehinger, junior Ptolemy Slocum and sophomore Chris Hahn, the technical director.

Recess hopes to do more than just perform at GW this year. Coleman said the group wants to compete in the Skidmore Comedy Festival in February as it did two years ago.

"We're just waiting to hear the details from them," Coleman said.

The group also took part in College Comedy Improvathon last April at The Improv comedy club on Connecticut Avenue. Recess beat out comedy troupes from American University and the University of Maryland with a 25-minute show of its best skits.

"We were real happy about it. It was a great thing for publicity and experience," Coleman said.

Not that Recess needs any more publicity. At the group's first show last year, Coleman said they had to turn away about 100 people from Lisner's downstage. At the group's last show of the year, they also had to turn away people.

"We already have packed houses. I'm worried what will happen when we start having to turn away more people than we let in," Coleman said. "I've heard people say that if they get turned away enough times, they will stop coming, but I hope that instead they will wonder what they are missing and try to get to the show earlier the next time."

The crowds shouldn't deter Recess virgins from attending a show, however. "We're always looking to expand our audience," Coleman said. Just be sure to get there early.

—Karen D. Ancillai contributed to this report

Wild Mood Swings contest winner

As promised in the Sept. 12 GWeekend section, The GW Hatchet would like to announce the winner of our Wildest Mood Swings Contest. GW senior Elizabeth K. Hale won a copy of The Cure's *Wild Mood Swings* (Elektra) autographed by Robert Smith with the following entry:

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Talent at GW emerges from 'Bermuda Triangle'

BY ALISON GAZAN
WEEKEND WRITER

"You can't handle the truth!" one actor shouts to another.

No, it's not a rendition of *A Few Good Men*, but rather "Bermuda Triangle," a play written and directed by GW junior Candace Cook and starring a host of GW sophomores.

A romantic farce about the trials and tribulations of romance, "Bermuda Triangle" is full of wit and charm. With everyone trying to solve everyone else's love problems, the truth gets twisted somewhere along the way.

At age 23, Jenny Peters (Johanna Osburn) is content being single — it's her mother, Mrs. Peters (Meghann Weaver), who is fearful that Jenny's biological clock is ticking away. In an attempt to appease Mrs. Peters, Jenny's friend Mike (David Lipsitt) tells her that Jenny is dating Bobby (Shane Morris), another of Jenny's friends. Excited to meet her daughter's new flame, Mrs. Peters and her other daughter, Marie (Valerie LaMotts), make plans to take Jenny and Bobby out to dinner.

Amidst this confusion, another whirlwind breaks loose. Mary (Missy Klein), Bobby's psychotic ex-girlfriend, is stalking Bobby. Mary wears a Band Aid Bobby gave her the first time they met. Jenny, trying to help Bobby, tells Mary that Bobby is gay

and his lover is Mike. As Bobby, Morris has a truly genuine human quality that generates his character's charming aura.

Mary is traumatized when she realizes that she and Bobby no longer have a future together. Impressive in her stage debut as Mary, Klein combines psychotic humor with charm to create a comical character.

Hatchet Rating: 

Through all these lies and deceit, Jenny and Mike discover their mutual attraction — the chemistry between actors Lipsitt and Osburn is obvious.

Adding yet another facet to these already complicated love triangles, Bobby reveals his interest in Jenny's younger sister, Marie. When Marie arrives to pick Jenny up for dinner, Mike mistakes her for Mary and informs her of his relationship with Bobby. Depicting the stereotypical homosexual, Lipsitt's "flaming" is immensely entertaining. While it may not be politically correct, the scene is hysterical. LaMotts captures Marie's horror and surprise with great facial expressions.

When Mrs. Peters arrives, she brings with her Peter (Daniel Drum), a potential boyfriend for Marie. While Mrs. Peters and Peter don't actually appear on-stage until the concluding scene, their parts are crucial and

exquisitely portrayed.

Cook's sarcastic personality is also illustrated in the witty script. Last February, she became the first woman to ever write and direct a full-length play at GW when she put on "What Happened Last Night."

This year, "Bermuda Triangle" will be the first student-run production to open GW's main stage season in 176 years of theater at the University.

"I think that it is very important for students to see other students do things on their own," Cook said. Along with Cook, senior Melissa Coffey and sophomores Reshma Gopaldas and Erin Pietrowski make up the first all-female production team in 10 years of GW theater.

The camaraderie of the cast off the stage is evident in their wonderful interaction on the stage. "I've got an incredible cast. There's so much chemistry," Cook said.

Cook said she and the cast have a mutual respect for one another. She attributes this to the fact that while she is in the director's chair for "Bermuda Triangle," she is also an actor.

Cook's experience as an actor gives "a more friendly than business-like atmosphere" to the whole production, Klein said. "Bermuda Triangle" plays downstage at Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St., N.W., Sept. 26-28 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3.



Bar: Sign of the Whale
Where: 1825 M St., N.W. It's on the bar strip on M Street, next to all the "gentlemen's clubs."
Crowd: Young professionals on a casual day dressed in preppy, chic attire.
Getting in: The bouncer at the door greets patrons with a smile, and his hand out for IDs.
Prices: Not too expensive, but it adds up.
Food: Boasts an all-American menu, but the kitchen closes early.
Dancing: The DJ was playing excellent tunes, but mostly people were just bouncing around with their friends.
Pick-ups: Lots of scoping, grabbing, flirting.
Pluses: The good beer list, fun crowd and it's open late.
Minuses: The place is crowded and kind of dark.

The Sign of the Whale is a bar-lover's bar, 'cause that's all it is. A long bar takes up half the narrow space in the main room, with some stools thrown around and lots of people. The atmosphere is low key, and the converted townhouse location is quite cozy. This suited the Bar Belle just fine, she being in the mood to just kick back and relax after a tough week.

The decor, televisions with muted football games, extensive list of beers on tap and overall dimness gives the Sign of the Whale a distinctly male feeling. What woman would decorate with two large, furry animal heads? No sign of a whale was evident, but the Bar Belle did see a big old marlin above one TV set.

The 20 beers on tap are a definite plus in the Bar Belle's eyes, although it did scare her that Michelob was a special beer for the month. In keeping with the bar's bar tradition, more bottles of booze are lined up behind the bar than she thought existed to encourage experimentation.

Great music was pouring out of the speakers, and the crowd really started moving when the DJ played "Escape," (you know, the one that goes "If you like piña colodas, and getting caught in the rain ..."). Ah, the '70s. Be advised that if you request a song, or shmooze with the DJ, he will tell the whole bar your life story, but the humiliation will not be that great because few people will be listening. There isn't much room to dance, so people improvise, bouncing to the beat and as a result sloshing beer on their friends.

The one bad vibe the Bar Belle received on this evening occurred when she was fighting her way back from the lady's room and some schmuck took the liberty of grabbing her ass. Not necessary and quite uncouth.

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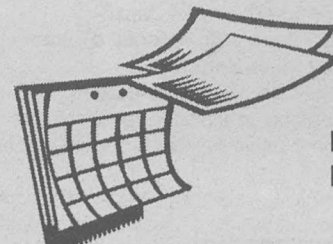
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Jazz legend Rollins visits Lisner Saturday

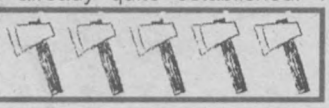
BY CHRIS FLORES
WEEKEND WRITER

"The Greatest Living Jazz Musician," "The Best Saxophone Player Alive Today," "The Undisputed King of Jazz."

All of these have been said recently of Sonny Rollins, who will grace the stage of Lisner Auditorium Saturday.

Rollins has not always been held in such high esteem, though. Many of the critics who laud Rollins' ascension to living legend are the same critics who were skeptical or even outright hostile toward him when he first emerged from anonymity some 40 years ago.

When the upstart saxophone player stepped onto the jazz scene in the 1950s, it was already quite established. This was the world of Louis

Hatchet Rating:  Armstrong, Dizzy Gillespie and Charlie Parker. Rollins was as welcome to join as anybody else willing to put aside their individuality and conform to the jazz mainstream of the day.

After Parker's unfortunate death in 1955, Rollins found himself in an unsolicited battle for his spot in the jazz world. The other major saxophone players of the day were Stan Getz and John Coltrane, both worthy successors to Parker in style and skill but not in innovation.

It was not until Rollins recorded *Saxophone Colossus* (Prestige), an album on which he played with incredible lucidity and purpose, that critics were forced to take his unique style seriously. This album was so well received and influential that it has become many jazz critics' point of comparison for most jazz saxophone players, including Rollins himself.

Today, Rollins is constantly being compared to his earlier work. But it is ridiculous to compare his old work to his new. Dynamism has always been what set Rollins apart from all the other players of his youth. His greatest gift has always been his ability to change. Each album is unique and new. Clearly, some albums have been better than others, but it is his desire to try new things that leads him to milestones such as *Saxophone Colossus*.

It is well known that Rollins is more at home and plays more openly before a live audience. His show at Lisner should be no exception. Anyone who claims to be a jazz lover should be there. Anyone who has ever thought about getting into jazz should be there. Anyone who has ever wanted to behold a living legend should be there.

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Career Center aims to find students jobs

BY JENNIFER LEMEGA
HATCHET REPORTER

Students concerned about finding a job after graduation or obtaining an internship can get help this week at the GW Career Center's career campaign.

The goal of the campaign is to "facilitate relationships between students, alumni and employers," said Jonathan Klonsky, public relations coordinator at the Career Center.

The highlight of the campaign, called "Mission (Not) Impossible," is the seventh annual Career Fair from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Marvin Center Ballroom on Oct. 3.

"This is a meet and greet opportunity for employers," Klonsky said. The fair will host 57 representatives from various professions. Students will have the opportunity to explore job options, ask questions, drop off résumés and make connections.

"A lot of employers who come to Career Fair have a real strong interest in recruiting GW students and alumni," Klonsky said.

Students are encouraged to bring copies of their résumé and dress in business attire. "Not every company (scheduled to appear) will accept résumés, but some will have applications there ... any time you can speak with a prospective employer, it doesn't hurt," Klonsky said.

"Making contacts is all part of networking, and that is part of getting a good job," Klonsky said.

This year's fair is more diversified and less business-oriented, Klonsky added. Representatives

will be present from government, media, retail, accounting and technical professions.

"Job seekers must give the career planning process the attention it deserves," said Career Center Executive Director Lorraine Bortz.

Students can have employers critique their résumés in 15-minute interviews during "Résumania!" on Oct. 1. Klonsky suggests business attire dress for this "valuable critique."

On Oct. 2, "Make the Most of Career Fair Workshop" will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. in Marvin Center rooms 402-406.

"People can ask questions before attending the event so they are not misguided," Klonsky said.

The Career Center will distribute guidelines and tips to help provide students with an understanding of which companies will be there and what they will be doing.

"We do make matches," Klonsky said. More than 800 people attended the Career Fair last year. This year larger numbers are expected.

"We have the maximum number of employers. We had to turn some down," Klonsky said.

Information booths will be in the Marvin Center, the Academic Center and other campus buildings starting Sept. 30.

Career Week, scheduled for Feb. 3-7, will offer more opportunities to meet prospective employers. In the spring, "Summer in the City" will provide opportunities for part-time jobs and internships for students staying in the D.C. area next summer.

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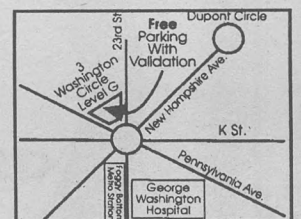


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ORL says review is attempt at fairness

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tion. Ron Jacobs, president of RHA, said the group's initial preference is to "keep the process the way it is."

He said there is a "perception that students aren't happy with the process." The RHA hopes to come up with a new proposal, but Jacobs added that "the final decision is really in the hands of the administration."

RHA will only submit suggestions and recommendations. Jacobs said RHA voted "by pretty close margins" to recommend "doing away with the in-hall lottery."

"No matter what happens seniors will still have the

best numbers," he added.

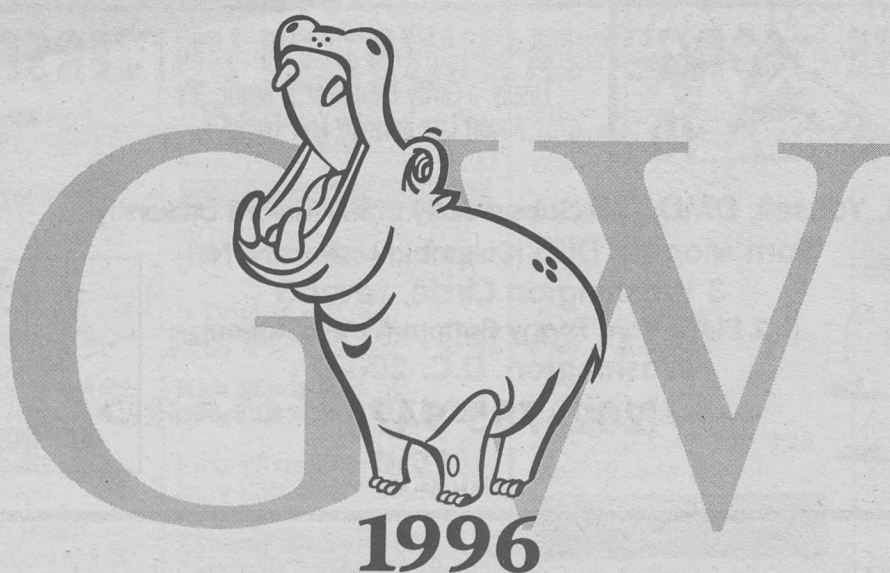
"Probably no decision will be made until late this semester. Nothing has been finalized," Assistant Director of ORL Paul Barkett said.

Barkett also said at Wednesday's meeting that any possible changes will not be monumental.

"When all is said and done people are going to wind up with the same rooms," he said.

ORL Director Sheila Curtin declined to comment, saying it is too early to discuss possible changes.

-Emily Phelps contributed to this report.



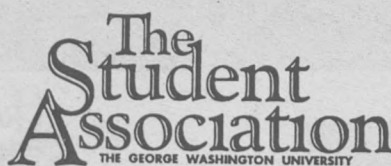
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U.N. revisits women's seminar one year later

BY ANNE MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

The D.C. component of a women's conference marking the one-year anniversary of a similar United Nations seminar in Beijing last year will take place this Saturday in the Marvin Center Ballroom.

Similar conferences, entitled "U.N. Women's Conference One Year Later," will be held simultaneously in all 50 states in honor of the anniversary.

The day-long event will begin with a panel discussion, continue with a policy lunch and conclude with an interactive satellite broadcast to all conference sites that will include First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of Health and Human Services and Chair of the Interagency Council Donna Shalala and U.S. Permanent Representative to the U.N. and Chair of the U.S. Delegation Ambassador Madeleine Albright. They will speak from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

An hour-long discussion will follow the satellite link-up.

The conference will feature "reports on progress since last year's Women's Conference in Beijing, a look ahead to the development of a national action agenda

to improve the lives of American women and their families and an assessment of what is working in local communities," according to GW's Office of University Relations.

Among the topics scheduled to be discussed are working women, unwaged work, recycling and child-care, The White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach and women and economic society.

"Beijing was such a huge success that a year later they said 'let's do a follow-up conference,'" said Alexa Kim, a public affairs specialist in the Office of University Relations.

She expects approximately 400 women to attend.

"I think it's a real exciting opportunity for GW because there are going to be people coming from around the city (who are) involved in different advocacy groups," said Cynthia Deitch, associate professor and acting director of women's studies.

"It's going to be a wonderful opportunity to meet with and hear about what lots of people are doing ... it's a way of putting the local and the global together," she added.

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Clinton attends GW's Yom Kippur services

BY JIM GERAGHTY
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

First Daughter Chelsea Clinton attended services on the eve of Yom Kippur Sunday night at Lisner Auditorium with an unidentified friend.

Religion and politics intersected that night when, in his sermon, Rabbi Gerald Serotta criticized the recent welfare reform bill that passed in Congress and was signed into law by President Clinton.

Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement, is the most solemn holy day in the Jewish religion.

Serotta said he did mention the President, but the President and members of both political parties are guilty. He called the sermon "a strong attack on that mentality."

Serotta described the attitude as "what's mine is mine and what's yours is yours' People who have that view are Sodomites, in that they are people who didn't care about the poor and vulnerable. That's the way Sodomite is defined in the Talmud," Serotta explained.

"The larger point of the high holidays call on us to be generous. If that's what's happening in society,

we have to redouble our efforts to fight that political climate."

Serotta said he did not know Clinton was in the audience.

"I was surprised," Serotta said when he discovered he had addressed the First Daughter. "I asked myself, 'Would I have said the same thing a little weaker or a little stronger?' I imagine I would have said the same thing if I had known. I'm glad she was there. I hope she told her father what I said."

The Office of the First Lady refused to comment on Clinton's appearance or any reaction to the sermon she might have had. A source at the office said, "She has her own schedule, and we do not comment on Chelsea. She's enjoying being a young adult in Washington, and we don't comment on her at all."

GW Hillel Co-President Ranaan Weintraub said she didn't think there was any concern over Clinton's reaction. "I think people were excited by the fact that she was here," she said.

"I'm glad that (Chelsea) can go to a friend's house of worship," Serotta said. "This is one of the good things about being at GW, in the heart of what goes on in the nation's capital."

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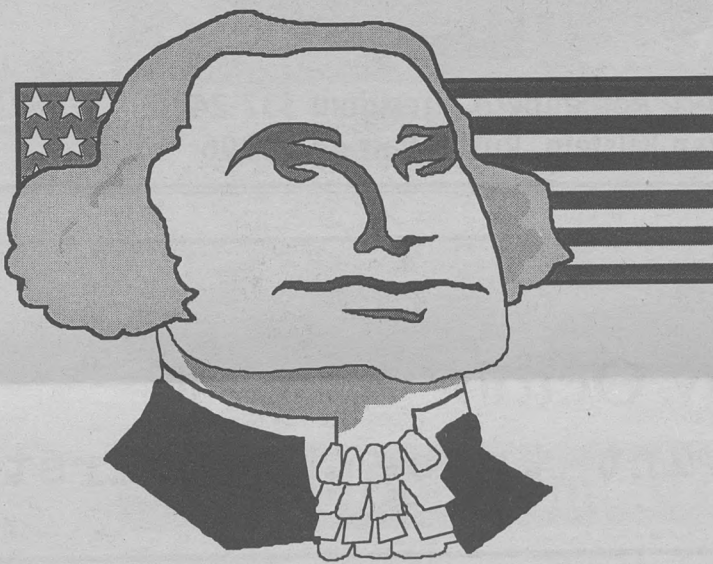
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• Fungler Hall, Sept. 23. A student reported the theft of the rear tire and rim of his bicycle parked in front of the building.

• Gelman Library, Sept. 23. A student reported the theft of her wallet containing \$35 and ID.

• Marvin Center, Sept. 19. A student reported the theft of a

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• Marvin Center, Sept. 22. A student reported the theft of her \$300 camera from the H Street side.

• Munson Hall, Sept. 24. A resident reported the theft of \$1,000 from her room on the 2nd floor. There were no signs of forced entry.

• National Law Center, Sept. 23. A student reported the theft of her \$1,100 bicycle.

Harassment

• Mitchell Hall, Sept. 20. A resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls from an unknown person.

• Thurston Hall, Sept. 20. A resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls from an unknown male.

CORRECTION

The article "GW students explore racial interaction on campus" on p. 6 of the Sept. 16 issue of The GW Hatchet should have identified a GW student as Kirti Patel.

The article "Business students trade traffic for trees" on p. 8 of the Sept. 23 issue of The GW Hatchet should have identified a GW student as Steve Hopwood.

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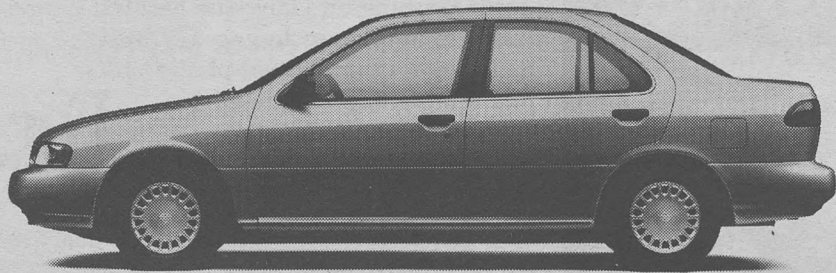
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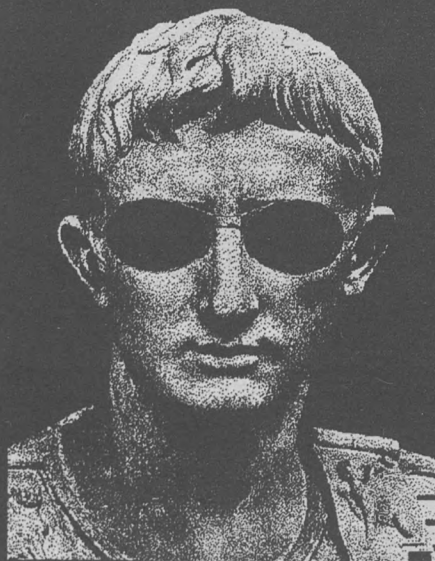


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PB pushes for more JEC representation

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students," he said. "When you set it up to exist only on one day, then, the people who are going to vote are going to come on that one day."

Candidates will also be allowed to receive non-currency gifts without penalty if the new charter is adopted. In past elections, a candidate able to acquire campaign materials at a substantially lower price was credited with having spent what the JEC estimated was its fair market value.

Hamilton said this section of the charter was altered because it gives candidates greater flexibility to demonstrate how effective they may be in office.

"This allows the candidate to be

creative. If they can get a lot of people to sponsor them, then that's power to them because we're hoping that they're going to take that skill and use it in office," Hamilton said. "It gives more flexibility to the candidates, which we hope will make the elections process more fun because it allows the candidate to be more creative."

Hamilton said each of the chartering organizations must approve the revisions before they can go into effect. Unless any major changes are suggested by the organizations, he said it would probably be adopted sometime in October.

McKenna was unavailable for comment.

Dakota review is attempt to be more fair to students

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"Community Service" and "Creative and Performing Arts" are among the programs housed in other residence halls.

All proposals include the University Police patrolling the building.

Another meeting has been scheduled this week to discuss the matter further.

Jacobs said "a well-balanced committee" is being formed to discuss plans for the Dakota.

Sheila Curtin, director of ORL, said the Dakota situation is "in the preliminary stages of discussion. We are nowhere near ready to make a proposal."

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Oh, the humanity.

Week 4 in the NFL wreaked havoc on the standings, the players and most importantly, the Hippo's year-long record. Give the Vikings and the Panthers credit, though. They beat the Packers and the 49ers fair and square. The New York Jets should be taken to the vet and put to sleep.

Week 5 is another good football week, as the contenders are starting to show, while the wannabes are getting out of their way. As always, these picks are for entertainment only, and any money you lose as a result of them is your fault for taking the word of a hippo. Please send 10 percent of any money you do win to The Lisner Hippo, c/o The GW Hatchet.

Jets at Redskins: The Hippo would like to volunteer his services to the New York Jets. After all, it can't hurt. The Jets have a chance in this game, but Gus Frerotte is learning how to win ugly, which is a talent he will utilize this week. Pick: Redskins by 7.

Panthers at Jaguars: Wow, the Hippo is impressed. Second year teams should beat Tampa Bay, not San Francisco. Jacksonville should be pretty angry with its loss to New England, and the Panthers are probably still partying from their win against the 49ers. Head coach Tom Coughlin will have the Jags ready to go. Pick: Jaguars by 3.

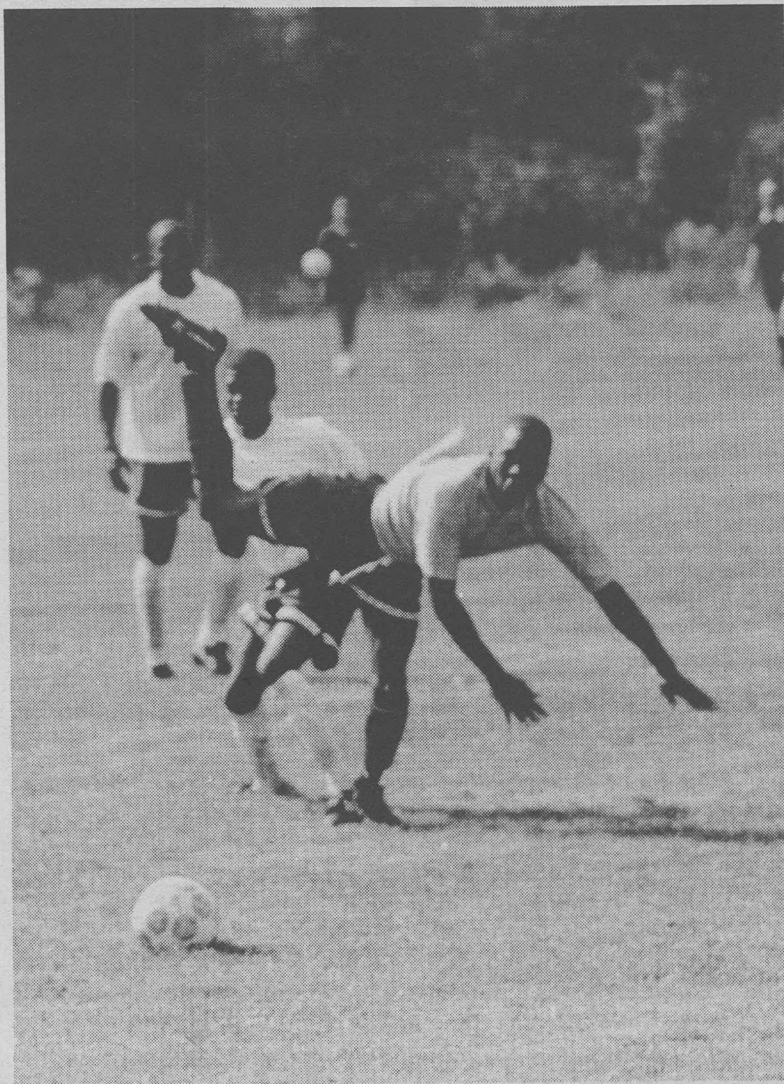
Vikings at Giants: The Hippo scratches his head over this game. The Vikings aren't really that good. The Giants aren't close to good. But the Giants have a one-game winning streak, and the Vikings are notorious for blowing games they should win. The Vikes won't blow this one, though. Pick: Vikings by 13.

Falcons at 49ers: After the yelling incident on the sidelines last week, Jeff George won't play this week. Bobby Hebert is starting in his place. San Francisco's defense is looking forward to this game. They haven't eaten cajun quarterback for lunch since Bobby's days in New Orleans. San Francisco is like a bear. Wound the Niners, like Carolina did, and they will come back to bite you. Pick: 49ers by 17.

Packers at Seahawks: The Hippo was saddened and surprised by Green Bay's loss on Sunday, but when the offensive line goes into hiding, not even Brett Favre can win. The Pack won't have that problem this week. Pick: Packers by 28.

Cowboys at Eagles on Monday night: The world champs are reeling. At this point in the season, it's make or break for the Cowboys. They have to get by their toughest foe yet in the Eagles, and Ray Rhodes will have the Eagles drooling for contact. Pick: Eagles by 3.

Last Week: 2-4 (sigh) Season: 12-7
-Tryg Olsen



Claire Duggan/Photo Editor

Acrobatic Ricky Reid and the rest of the Colonials are eagerly anticipating Atlantic 10 play, which begins this weekend.

Water polo drops two .500 performance upsets coach

BY JAMIE LIN
HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER

The GW water polo team turned in a disappointing 2-2 performance Sept. 21-22 at the Villanova Wildcat Invitational Tournament in Philadelphia.

Head coach Andy Turnage said he thought his team's performance was "substantially below expectations for the weekend."

Part of the problem was that the Colonials were without the services of two starters.

GW did get help from freshman goalkeeper Tony Paster, who put in an impressive weekend, as well as senior Jovan Ilijic, who has raised his performance level from last season.

Turnage said the team's lack of mental toughness is distressing. The Colonials have been able to start brilliantly in the first quarter, but have not been able to keep the momentum going.

"We have yet to put together four solid quarters of play," Turnage said.

In the first game against Eastern Water Polo Association rival Johns Hopkins, GW was tough enough. Although it was not an exceptionally played game, the Colonials ended up with a 15-12 victory.

"We didn't do too great a job of taking care of the ball and handling the offense and didn't do a great job of playing defense, but luckily we scored more goals," Turnage said.

Fordham did not present as much of a challenge. GW's starters played six or seven minutes, and then the second rotation jumped in and finished things off in an easy 12-6 win.

Against Queens, which Turnage called a "big, physical team with a lot of foreigners," the style of play was tough to adjust to. After Queens jumped ahead, the team had "defensive breakdowns and made some mental errors at both ends of the pool," Turnage said. The Colonials lost 15-11.

Turnage called the final game against St. Francis a "disaster." GW started slow and was crushed 15-9.

"I give them a grade of D+ for that game," Turnage said.

Round 2 of EWPA play will take place this weekend with a rematch against Johns Hopkins and meetings with Washington & Lee and Princeton. Physically, the team members are more than prepared, but it is crucial for them to step it up mentally, the coach said.

"If we played like we did last weekend, we'll be in for a rough time. I suspect the kids know what is at stake here," Turnage added. "As long as we know where the problems are, they're fixable. Everyone still has confidence, now they just need to make it show."

Lidster sets sights on A-10 competition

BY BEN ROSENZWEIG
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

The GW men's soccer team is off to a 5-2 start against non-conference opponents this season and will now set its sights on the Atlantic 10 Conference title, with the last 11 games of the season all coming against conference foes.

With his team's strong early season play, head coach George Lidster is confident that GW's success will continue in the coming weeks.

"All of our conference games are going to be dog fights, which we have been prepared for with recent competition against George Mason and Howard," Lidster said. "I feel this team has more depth than we have had in a while, like on championship teams from years past."

Senior midfielder Ricky Reid said he agrees with his coach's sentiments. "This year's incoming class is the best since I've been here. We have people who can finish and score," Reid said. "As long as our injured players come back, we can easily roll through the Atlantic 10."

The depth of the team has been tested early this season due to injuries that have sidelined Matt Ferry and Craig Jones. Both are questionable for Friday's game at La Salle and Sunday's game at Fordham.

Ferry started training Tuesday for the first time since injuring his

hamstring, and Jones has been jogging with the team.

"Right now we have seven players carrying injuries which slows us down, but hopefully the team's mental toughness will continue to help carry us through this period," Lidster said. "Guys like Colin (Berenhaut) and Sebastian (Rodriguez) have stepped up their play along with Evan (Nierman) and Omar (Sigtryggsson), who have come in and contributed."

Besides getting his players healthy, Lidster said he is also concerned about players keeping their composure and "running off the ball" for the duration of games.

"What you have to understand is even the best player only has the ball for a couple of minutes a game," Lidster said. "Players have to run without the ball and get into situations where they can make a play."

GW has more than a week to get its players healthy and playing strong before the competition gets even tougher.

On the weekend of Oct. 4-6, GW will take on Massachusetts and Rhode Island, two schools that were nationally ranked in preseason polls.

"Those games are going to be tough, along with the upcoming La Salle game, since La Salle beat us last year," Lidster said. "All our conference games will be difficult, and we have to prepare for each one."

Athletes deny comment on alleged drinking party

(from p. 1)

campus parties to his Madison Hall room and was confronted by a resident assistant. The RA smelled alcohol on the student's breath, and the student claimed he was forced to drink, the sources said.

That same week, officials said at least one member of the swimming team filed a complaint alleging a host of hazing activities occurred in the week leading up to the drinking party. These activities were not necessarily limited to alcohol consumption.

"If a student feels they're being hazed, and files a complaint, then it's the University's obligation to investigate that complaint," said one GW administrator who asked not to be identified.

All members of the team who were contacted by The GW Hatchet would not comment on the matter.

Since the allegations include hazing, all members of the student group are subject to initial scrutiny from the University. Therefore, some students who were charged might not necessarily have been at any of the alleged hazing events.

GW's Code of Conduct defines hazing as "any action taken or situation created intentionally, with or without consent, whether on or off campus, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule." It adds that hazing can include "requiring, expecting, or encouraging members to consume any drugs, including alcohol, as a condition or prelude to membership or further participation in the organization."

The Code also says that a student group, which can include athletic teams, may be held "collectively responsible, and its officers may be held individually responsible, when violations of the Code by those associated with the group or organization have occurred."

A source in the athletic department said it is unlikely that the allegations could affect enough members of the team to keep it from competing. The source said that in all probability, only a few of the people charged will face severe penalties.

-Ben Osborne and Matt Bonesteel
contributed to this report.

CORRECTION

In the photo that accompanied the story "Colonial Women win two over Ohio's finest," (GW Hatchet, Sept. 23, p. 17) the GW player shown should have been identified as Amy Sellers, who graduated last year, not Tanya Vogel.

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